(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has envisaged a capacity addition of 18 MW in the State of Meghalaya during the 9th Plan from Umiam Umttru HEP Stage-V. However, as per the mid-term review of MOP this project is likely to slip to the 10th Plan.

Recently Myntdu (Leska) HE Project State-I envisaging installation of 2×42 MW in the State of Meghalaya has been techno-economically cleared by CEA on 20.9.1999 at an estimated cost of Rs.363.08 crores including IDC of Rs.75.9 crores and financial cost of Rs.1.82 crores. The project is yet to be cleared by MOEF from environment and forests angle. The completion period of the project is 60 months from the date of investment sanction of Planning Commission.

Losses of CESCO in Orissa

1481. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Orissa Government had given distribution of electricity to private sector concerns like CESCO's and within two months of CESCO's take over. the super cyclone has threw the distribution system into disarray;

(b) whether they have suffered a massive loss of Rs.700 crores and they had not insured their services, till then; and

(c) whether CESCO would be allowed to raise the electricity tariff, to make good, the losses so suffered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The CESCO has not yet approached Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) for tariff revision in the wake of the losses suffered on account of the super cyclone. A view can be taken by OERC only after the CESCO applies for tariff revision.